

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

**SENATE RESOLUTION 546—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF A NATIONAL POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE AND TO FOSTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPACT POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE HAS ON PATIENTS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF THEIR FAMILIES**

Mr. DEWINE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 546

Whereas polycystic kidney disease (known as "PKD") is the most prevalent life-threatening genetic disease in the United States, is a severe, dominantly inherited disease that has a devastating impact, in both human and economic terms, on people of all ages, and affects equally people of all races, sexes, nationalities, geographic locations, and income levels;

Whereas, based on prevalence estimates by the National Institutes of Health, it is estimated that about 600,000 patients in the United States have a genetic inheritance from 1 or both parents called polycystic kidney disease, and that countless additional friends, loved ones, spouses, and caregivers must shoulder the physical, emotional, and financial burdens that polycystic kidney disease causes;

Whereas polycystic kidney disease, for which there is no cure, is 1 of the 4 leading causes of kidney failure in the United States;

Whereas the vast majority of polycystic kidney disease patients reach kidney failure at an average age of 53, causing a severe strain on dialysis and kidney transplantation resources and on the delivery of health care in the United States, as the largest segment of the population of the United States, the "baby boomers", continues to age;

Whereas end stage renal disease is one of the fastest growing components of the Medicare budget, and polycystic kidney disease contributes to that cost by an estimated \$2,000,000,000 annually for dialysis, kidney transplantation, and related therapies;

Whereas polycystic kidney disease is a systemic disease that causes damage to the kidney and the cardiovascular, endocrine, hepatic, and gastrointestinal organ systems and instills in patients a fear of an unknown future with a life-threatening genetic disease and apprehension over possible genetic discrimination;

Whereas the severity of the symptoms of polycystic kidney disease and the limited public awareness of the disease causes many patients to live in denial and forego regular visits to their physicians or to avoid following good health management which would help avoid more severe complications when kidney failure occurs;

Whereas people who have chronic, life-threatening diseases like polycystic kidney disease have a predisposition to depression (7 times the national average) and its resultant consequences due to their anxiety over pain, suffering, and premature death;

Whereas the Senate and taxpayers of the United States desire to see treatments and cures for disease and would like to see results from investments in research con-

ducted by the National Institutes of Health and from such initiatives as the NIH Roadmap to the Future;

Whereas polycystic kidney disease is a verifiable example of how collaboration, technological innovation, scientific momentum, and public-private partnerships can generate therapeutic interventions that directly benefit polycystic kidney disease sufferers, save billions of Federal dollars under Medicare, Medicaid, and other programs for dialysis, kidney transplants, immunosuppressant drugs, and related therapies, and make available several thousand openings on the kidney transplant waiting list;

Whereas improvements in diagnostic technology and the expansion of scientific knowledge about polycystic kidney disease have led to the discovery of the 3 primary genes that cause polycystic kidney disease and the 3 primary protein products of the genes and to the understanding of cell structures and signaling pathways that cause cyst growth that has produced multiple polycystic kidney disease clinical drug trials;

Whereas the national PKD Foundation and its 60 volunteer chapters around the country are dedicated to expanding essential research, fostering public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease, educating polycystic kidney disease patients and their families about the disease to improve their treatment and care, providing appropriate moral support, and encouraging people to become organ donors; and

Whereas the PKD Foundation's Walk for PKD has grown from a small, grassroots activity to an annual national awareness event held during the third week of September, and such week would be an appropriate time to recognize National Polycystic Kidney Disease Week; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of a National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease (known as "PKD");

(2) recognizes the need for additional research into a cure for polycystic kidney disease; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States and interested groups to support National Polycystic Kidney Awareness Week through appropriate ceremonies and activities to promote public awareness of polycystic kidney disease and to foster understanding of the impact of the disease on patients and their families.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 547—RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE SUCCESSES OF THE ADOPTION AND SAFE FAMILIES ACT OF 1997 IN INCREASING ADOPTION, OBSERVING THE EFFORTS THAT THE ACT HAS SPURRED, INCLUDING NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY AND NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH, AND ENCOURAGING CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONSIDER ADOPTION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. CRAIG) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. RES. 547

Whereas, since the passage of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1305 note; Public Law 105-89), the number of children adopted from the foster care system has increased significantly, with approximately

51,000 children adopted from the foster care system in fiscal year 2004 alone;

Whereas, despite that remarkable progress, approximately 118,000 children in the foster care system of the United States are waiting to be adopted, and 49 percent of those children are at least 9 years old;

Whereas adoptive families make an important difference in the lives of the children they adopt by providing a stable, nurturing environment for those children;

Whereas National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to find permanent, loving families for children in the foster care system;

Whereas both National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month occur in November;

Whereas, in 2002, the Department of Health and Human Services launched a series of public service announcements promoting the adoption of children aged 8 and older;

Whereas more than 6,000 children have been placed into adoptive homes since the Department of Health and Human Services launched [www.adoptuskids.org](http://www.adoptuskids.org), a national photo listing service for children awaiting adoption across the United States;

Whereas, in 2005, judges, attorneys, adoption professionals, child welfare agencies, and child advocates in 45 States and the District of Columbia participated in 227 events in conjunction with National Adoption Day; and

Whereas those events finalized the adoptions of more than 3,300 children from the foster care system: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes and supports—

(A) the success of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1305 note; Public Law 105-89) and the efforts that the Act has spurred; and

(B) the goals and ideals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month; and

(2) encourages the citizens of the United States to consider adoption throughout the year.

**AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED**

SA 4762. Mr. STEVENS proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

SA 4763. Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4764. Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. HARKIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4765. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4766. Mr. INOUE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra.

SA 4767. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4768. Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra.